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BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,
JANUARY 30, 1872.

Read and ordered to be printed.

By order,

MILTON Y. KIDD,
Chief Clerk.

REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

OF BALTIMORE CITY

*In Response to an Order of the House of
Delegates,*

January 12th, 1872.

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OFFICE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS,
BALTIMORE, Jan. 23d, 1872.

To the Honorable, the House of Delegates of Maryland:

GENTLEMEN—In response to the following order :

“ OFFICE OF CHIEF CLERK, HOUSE OF DELEGATES,
“ ANNAPOLIS, Jan. 12th, 1872.

“ Ordered, That the Board of Police Commissioners for the City of Baltimore report to this House, on or before the 24th instant, the amount of money levied for and collected by said Board, to defray expenses of the Police Force, what time the order was issued, and took effect, stopping the pay of Policemen when sick, what amount was expended the previous year to the issuing of said order, what number and the names of the Policemen and officers that have been sick, and the length of time they and each of them have been sick, and the amount of money kept from them, and each of them on account of such sickness, what amount of fines has been collected, and what amount of confiscated property sold, what relief has been extended to the men injured in the discharge of duty, or to the families of men or officers killed whilst in its performance, and all other information necessary to a thorough understanding of the whole matter, adopted January 16th, 1872.

“ By order,

“ MILTON Y. KIDD,

“ Chief Clerk.”

We herewith submit the following statement:

Jan. 1st., 1872.—Balance as per statement.....	\$28,544 45
The amount of money obtained during the year 1870, as per requisition on the Mayor and City Council, &c. 536,406 93	

	\$564,951 38
Total amount of expenditures during the year 1870, as per vouchers.....	\$563,511 09
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Jan. 1st., 1871.—Balance as per statement.....	\$ 1,140 29
The amount of money obtained dur- ing the year 1871, as per requisi- tion on the Mayor and City Coun- cil, &c.....	546,188 65

	\$547,628 94
Total amount of expenditures during the year 1871, as per vouchers.....	537,641 45
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Jan. 1st., 1872.—To Balance.....	\$ 9,987 49
The amount paid by the Department to officers and men of the Force, from the General Fund, who were not in the performance of duty by reason of sickness during the years 1869, 1870, and 1871, was as fol- lows:	
1869	\$16,141 35
1870.....	9,475 65
1871.....	1,102 81

In answer to the fourth inquiry, as to the number and names of the officers and men, sick, &c., since our last official report, we submit herewith the official special pay rolls of the several districts, for 1870 and 1871, marked A, B, C and D, containing the names of said officers and men, showing the number of days lost, and the amount paid to said officers and men during their sickness, from the Special Fund of the Department. We have imposed and collected fines from members of the Force, for violation of rules and regulations, adopted in accordance with the 814th section of the Police Law, the following sums:

During the year 1870.....	\$1,185 60
" " 1871.....	958 67

We have no confiscated property, nor power to "confiscate property; therefore, none has been sold.

From the Special Fund of the Department, created by fines imposed upon members of the Force, and amounts of fines and costs received from the Station-House Justices, donations have been made to the annexed list of officers while sick or injured in the discharge of their duty, and to the families of deceased members of the Force.

1870.

April 13.	Officer J. E. Campbell, sick, Eastern District.....	\$ 36 00
Aug. 23.	Officer James Carmine, injured, Western District.....	50 00
" 9.	To the widowed mother of Officer Jas. Murphy, Western District, assassinated July, 1870, while in the discharge of his duty.....	250 00
Dec. 7.	To Officer James Carmine the remainder of one year's pay since his injury and dropped from the force.....	257 00
" 8.	To Officer J. B. Chambers, Western District, injured in the discharge of his duty, the remainder of one year's pay, and dropped from the force.....	450 00

1871.

Jan. 13.	Officer W. L. Emerson, sick, Western District.....	30 00
" 27.	Officer G. W. Ford, sick, Eastern District.....	36 00
" 27.	Officer M. O'Hara, sick, Eastern District.....	36 00
Feb. 10.	Officer W. L. Emerson, sick, Western District.....	30 00
" 24.	Sergeant W. R. Johnson, sick, Eastern District.....	40 00
" 24.	Officer M. O'Hara, sick, Eastern District.....	30 00
" 24.	Officer John Gibbons, sick, Western District.....	30 00
May 29.	To the family of Joseph Clark, Western District, murdered by Fred. Kusey whilst in the discharge of his duty, (one year's pay).....	938 57
June 10.	To Officer M. O'Hara, Eastern District, who was then dropped from the force.	150 00
" 30.	Sergeant J. Ford, sick, Southern District.....	30 00
July 15.	Sergeant J. Ford, sick, Southern District.....	30 00

July 28.	Officer Thomas J. Hunter, sick, South- ern District.....	35 00
Aug. 1.	Officer Charles Hughes, sick, Western District.....	35 00
Oct. 5.	To family of Officer George Groves, de- ceased, Southern District.....	125 00
" 6.	To Officer James Jamison, sick, West- ern District.....	30 00
" 19.	To Officer Charles Clark, sick, South- ern District.....	30 00
" 19.	To Sergeant James Ford, sick, Southern District.....	20 00
Nov. 17.	To Sergeant James Ford, sick, Southern District.....	25 00
Dec. 1.	To Officer Michael Byrne, sick, Middle District.....	25 00
" 1.	To Officer S. S. Heverner, sick, Middle District.....	25 00
July, 1870.	Funeral expenses of Officer James Mur- phy.....	167 00
Sept., 1870.	Funeral expenses of Detective John Richards.....	96 00

On the 18th day of March, 1870, the following order was unanimously adopted and communicated to the Marshal of Police:

"The Board of Police Commissioners hereby order that from and after the 23d day of March, 1870, (pay-day), officers will not be paid for any time lost on account of sickness, except by special order from this Board."

The issuing of the above order was the result of a thorough investigation of the causes of the sudden and often continued sickness of some members of the force in each of the several districts, which was occasioned in many cases, in the opinion of the Commissioners, by a great indisposition to perform the duties required of these self-styled invalids, and their judgment was confirmed by investigation. The cause governing the treatment of officers and men of the Department when sick, since the establishment of a Metropolitan Police Force, may be briefly referred to: During the administration of Messrs. Howard, Gatchell, Hinks and Davis, the first Commissioners, pay was not allowed to officers when sick, and legitimate cases of distress were relieved only by donations.

Under Messrs. Hindes and Wood pay was deducted for the first two days of sickness, and after that period they

were regularly paid during the entire time of their alleged sickness. This course was continued by the present Commissioners, until they were convinced, by investigation, that some men in each of the several districts took advantage of the rule, and shamefully shirked the duties of their position under plea of sickness, thereby throwing upon the good and efficient men of the force the labor that should have been equally borne by all.

The entire force consists of four hundred and eighty-nine men (exclusive of Commissioners' officers,) of whom about two-thirds are assigned to night duty. That number have to patrol an area of about fourteen and a half square miles, and protect the lives and guard the property of a population numbering some three hundred thousand souls. Thus will be seen the necessity of having the services of every man, whose name appears upon the roll-books, for whenever one or more are absent from sickness or other cause, that portion of the city to which they are especially assigned has to be divided among those assigned to adjoining beats, and to that extent compelling them to perform extra services for which no compensation is allowed. To satisfy these just complaints it became imperative upon the Commissioners to adopt some means by which those who were shirking a proper performance of their duties, and those who were physically incapable of a prompt and efficient compliance with the rules and regulations of the Department, should be gotten rid of, in order that their places might be filled by men both willing and able to meet the requirements of the service, and guarantee to our citizens that protecting guardianship they have a right to expect at our hands; hence the issuing of the order dated March 18, 1870. The effect of the enforcement of this order was to decrease the amount of lost time in consequence of sickness for the year 1870, as compared with 1869, forty per cent., and for the year 1871, as compared with the previous year, ninety per cent., so it will be seen that even in a sanitary view the order created a healthful effect upon the force, besides giving to it the services of a number of men who were previously absent from their posts, on the slightest pretexts, and very frequently without any valid excuse. Thus while the amount ex-

pended in maintaining the force is not less than in former years, the Commissioners have the satisfaction of knowing that the money is paid only for services rendered, and that the really meritorious men, who are honestly disposed to do their duty, are protected from the impositions of those who, in despite of the best efforts of the appointing power, will creep into the force with the design of doing as little work as is necessary to keep up an appearance of attention to duty.

In conclusion, we respectfully refer you to our report, which will be presented to your Honorable Body at an early day, for all other matters pertaining to the operation of this Department.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servants,

WM. H. B. FUSSELBAUGH,
JAMES E. CARR,
THOS. W. MORSE.

